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1554

Year **1554** (**MDLIV**) was a common year starting on Monday (link will display the full calendar) of the Julian calendar.

Millennium:	2nd millennium
Centuries:	15th century · **16th century** · 17th century
Decades:	1530s · 1540s · **1550s** · 1560s · 1570s
Years:	1551 · 1552 · 1553 · **1554** · 1555 · 1556 · 1557

Events

January–June

- January 5 – A great fire breaks out in Eindhoven, Netherlands.
- January 12 – Bayinnaung is crowned king of the Burmese Taungoo Dynasty.
- January 25 – São Paulo, Brazil, is founded.
- February 9 – Thomas Wyatt surrenders to government forces in London.[1]
- February 12 – After claiming the throne of England the previous year, Lady Jane Grey is beheaded for treason.
- March 18 – Princess Elizabeth is imprisoned in the Tower of London.
- April 12 – Mary of Guise becomes Regent of Scotland.

July–December

- July 23–25 – Queen Mary I of England marries King Philip of Naples, the only son of Charles V, Holy Roman Emperor, in Winchester, England.[2]
- August 2 – Battle of Marciano: Senese–French forces are defeated by the Florentine–Imperial army.
- August 12 – Battle of Renty: French forces led by Francis, Duke of Guise turn back an invasion of Picardy, by Charles V.
- November – English captain John Lok voyages to Guinea.[3][4]

Date unknown

- Mikael Agricola becomes the bishop of Turku.
- Saadi conquer the Kingdom of Fez.
- Exact center year of Counter Reformation.
- The name of the beer brewed by New Belgium Brewing Company is based on a recipe from this date, called "1554."

1554 in various calendars

Gregorian calendar	1554 *MDLIV*
Ab urbe condita	2307
Armenian calendar	1003 ԹՎ ՌԳ
Assyrian calendar	6304
Balinese saka calendar	1475–1476
Bengali calendar	961
Berber calendar	2504
English Regnal year	1 Mar. 1 – 1 Ph. & M.
Buddhist calendar	2098
Burmese calendar	916
Byzantine calendar	7062–7063
Chinese calendar	癸丑年 (Water Ox) 4250 or 4190 *— to —* 甲寅年 (Wood Tiger) 4251 or 4191
Coptic calendar	1270–1271
Discordian	2720

- Luso-Chinese agreement: Portugal reaches an agreement with the Ming Dynasty of China, to be allowed to legally trade in the province of Guangdong.
- Rao Surjan Singh becomes ruler of Bundi.

Births

- January 1 – Louis III, Duke of Württemberg (d. 1593)
- January 9 – Pope Gregory XV (d. 1623)[5]
- January 20 – King Sebastian of Portugal (d. 1578)[6]
- February 8 – Marina de Escobar, Spanish nun (d. 1633)
- February 27 – Giovanni Battista Paggi, Italian painter (d. 1627)
- March – Richard Hooker, Anglican theologian (d. 1600)
- March 1 – William Stafford, English courtier and conspirator (d. 1612)
- March 18 – Josias I, Count of Waldeck, Count of Waldeck-Eisenberg (1578-1588) (d. 1588)
- March 22 – Catherine de Parthenay, French noblewoman and mathematician (d. 1631)
- March 26 – Charles of Lorraine, Duke of Mayenne, French military leader (d. 1611)
- March 28 – Tsarevich Ivan Ivanovich of Russia (d. 1581)
- March 30 – Paul Laurentius, German divine (d. 1624)
- April – Stephen Gosson, English satirist (d. 1624)
- April 15 – Simon VI, Count of Lippe, Count of Lippe-Detmold (1563-1613) (d. 1613)
- May 20 – Paolo Bellasio, Italian composer (d. 1594)
- June 3 – Pietro de' Medici, Italian noble (d. 1604)
- June 5 – Benedetto Giustiniani, Italian Catholic cardinal (d. 1621)
- June 21 – Joachim of Zollern, Titular Count of Hohenzollern (d. 1587)
- July 5 – Elisabeth of Austria, Queen of France (d. 1592)
- October 1 – Leonardus Lessius, Jesuit theologian (d. 1623)
- October 3 – Fulke Greville, 1st Baron Brooke, English poet (d. 1628)
- October 10 – Arnold III, Count of Bentheim-Steinfurt-Tecklenburg-Limburg and Lord of Rheda (d. 1606)
- October 20 – Bálint Balassi, Hungarian writer and noble (d. 1594)
- October 28 – Enevold Kruse, Danish noble (d. 1621)
- October 30 – Prospero Farinacci, Italian jurist (d. 1618)
- November 30 – Sir Philip Sidney, English courtier and poet (d. 1586)
- December 17 – Ernest of Bavaria, Roman Catholic bishop (d. 1612)
- December 19 – Philip William, Prince of Orange (d. 1618)
- *date unknown*

calendar	
Ethiopian calendar	1546–1547
Hebrew calendar	5314–5315
Hindu calendars	
- *Vikram Samvat*	1610–1611
- *Shaka Samvat*	1475–1476
- *Kali Yuga*	4654–4655
Holocene calendar	11554
Igbo calendar	554–555
Iranian calendar	932–933
Islamic calendar	961–962
Japanese calendar	Tenbun 23 (天文２３年)
Javanese calendar	1472–1473
Julian calendar	1554 *MDLIV*
Korean calendar	3887
Minguo calendar	358 before ROC 民前358年
Nanakshahi calendar	86
Thai solar calendar	2096–2097
Tibetan calendar	阴水牛年 (female Water-Ox) 1680 or 1299 or 527 — *to* — 阳木虎年 (male Wood-Tiger) 1681 or 1300 or 528

- Jacques Bongars, French scholar and diplomat (d. 1612)
- James Lancaster, English navigator (d. 1618)
- Walter Raleigh, English writer, poet, and explorer (d. 1618)
- Francis Throckmorton, English conspirator (d. 1584)

April 12: Mary of Guise.

Deaths

- January 2 – João Manuel, Prince of Portugal, Portuguese prince (b. 1537)[7]
- January 11 – Min Bin, king of Arakan (b. 1493)
- January 16
  - Christiern Pedersen, Danish humanist (b. c. 1480)
  - Ambrosius Moibanus, German theologian (b. 1494)
- February 12
  - Lord Guildford Dudley, consort of Lady Jane Grey (executed) (b. 1536)
  - Lady Jane Grey, claimant to the throne of England (executed) (b. 1537)[8]
- February 21
  - Hieronymus Bock, German botanist (b. 1498)
  - Sibylle of Cleves, Electress consort of Saxony (b. 1512)
- February 23 – Henry Grey, 1st Duke of Suffolk, English politician (executed) (b. c.1515)
- March 3 – John Frederick I, Elector of Saxony (b. 1503)
- April 11 – Thomas Wyatt the Younger, English rebel (executed) (b. 1521)
- April 23 – Gaspara Stampa, Italian poet (b. 1523)
- May 2 – William Waldegrave, English Member of Parliament (b. 1507)
- June 19
  - Sixt Birck, German humanist (b. 1501)
  - Philip II, Count of Nassau-Saarbrücken, German noble (b. 1509)
- June 28 – Leone Strozzi, French Navy admiral (b. 1515)
- August 25 – Thomas Howard, 3rd Duke of Norfolk, English politician (b. 1473)
- September 22 – Francisco Vázquez de Coronado, Spanish conquistador (b. c. 1510)
- December 22 – Alessandro Bonvicino, Italian painter (b. 1498)
- December – John Taylor, Bishop of Lincoln (b. 1503)
- *date unknown*
  - Argula von Grumbach, German Protestant reformer (b. 1492)
  - Leo Africanus, Sudanese writer (b. 1485)
  - Sebastiano Serlio, Italian architect (b. 1475)
  - Sir Hugh Willoughby, English Arctic explorer

August 2: Battle of Marciano in Tuscany.

Philip William, Prince of Orange

Francisco Vázquez de Coronado

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